



**COMMANDER TASK FORCE FIFTY TWO**

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**REPORT OF OPERATIONS IN THE IWO JIMA CAMPAIGN**

**FEBRUARY 1945**

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LOWER CLIFF AREA AT BASE OF MT. SURIBACHI  
AS OF FEBRUARY 3, 1945  
Note the many caves in this area.

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MT. SURIBACHI AND LEFT FLANK OF LANDING BEACHES  
D PLUS FIVE

Naval gunfire and dynamite have caused landslides which blocked entrances to many of the caves located in the cliffs near the waterline.

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GREEN BEACH TWO AND BASE OF SURIBACHI  
(3 February 1945)  
Coast defense positions are circled





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GREEN BEACH TWO AND BASE OF SURIBACHI  
D PLUS FIVE- (February 24, 1945)  
Coast defense positions were destroyed by D-1

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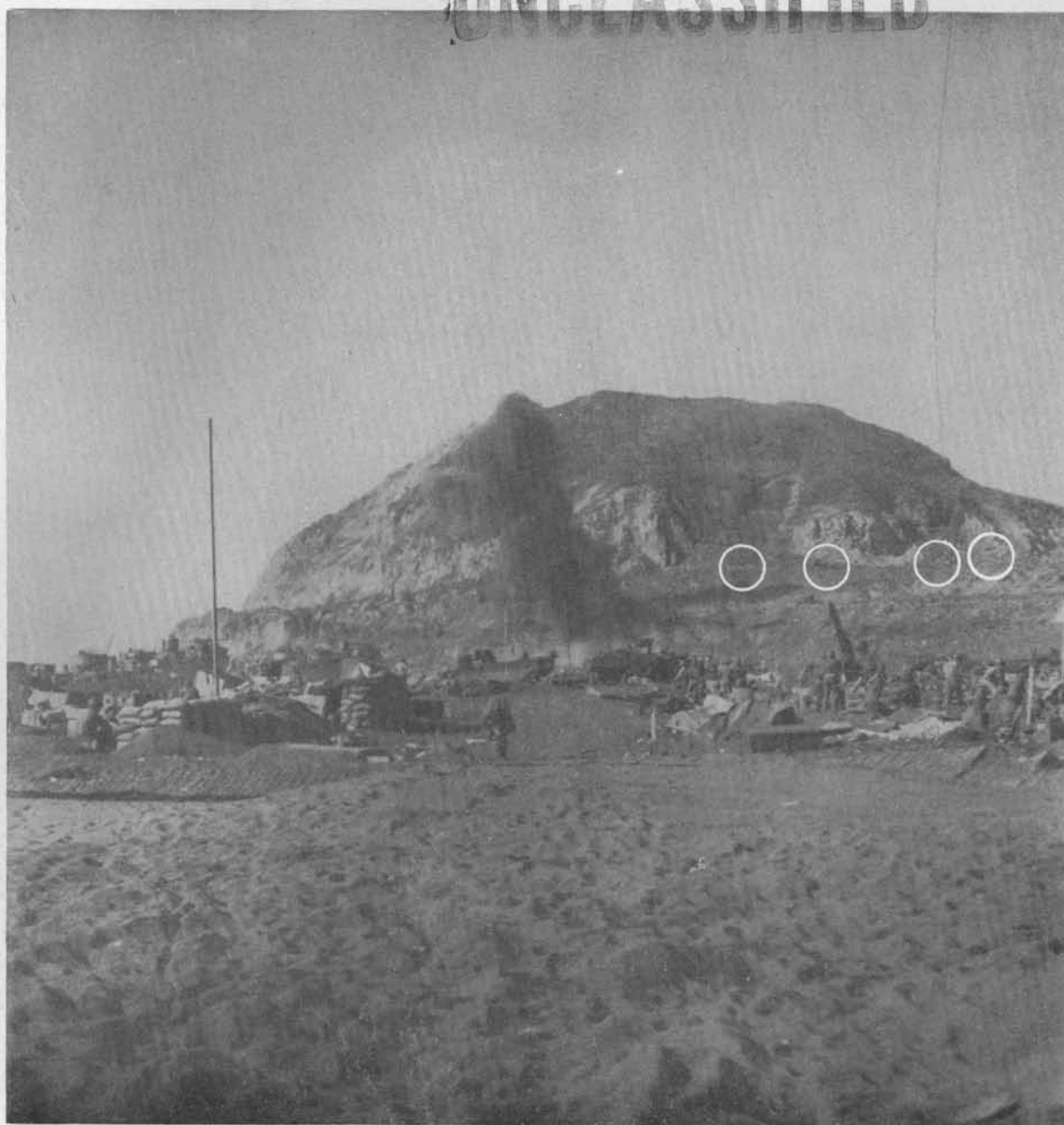
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SURIBACHI MOUNTAIN--D minus TWO  
Two of the positions marked are those appearing on  
photograph---page 4.

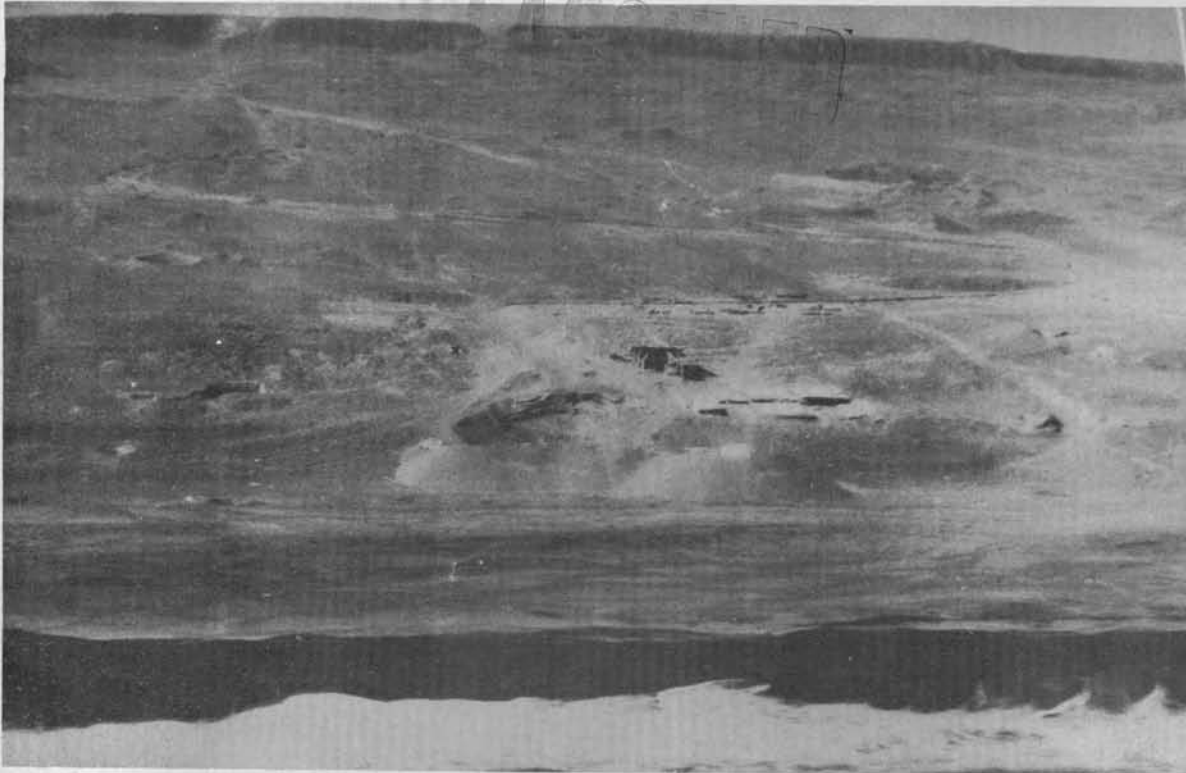
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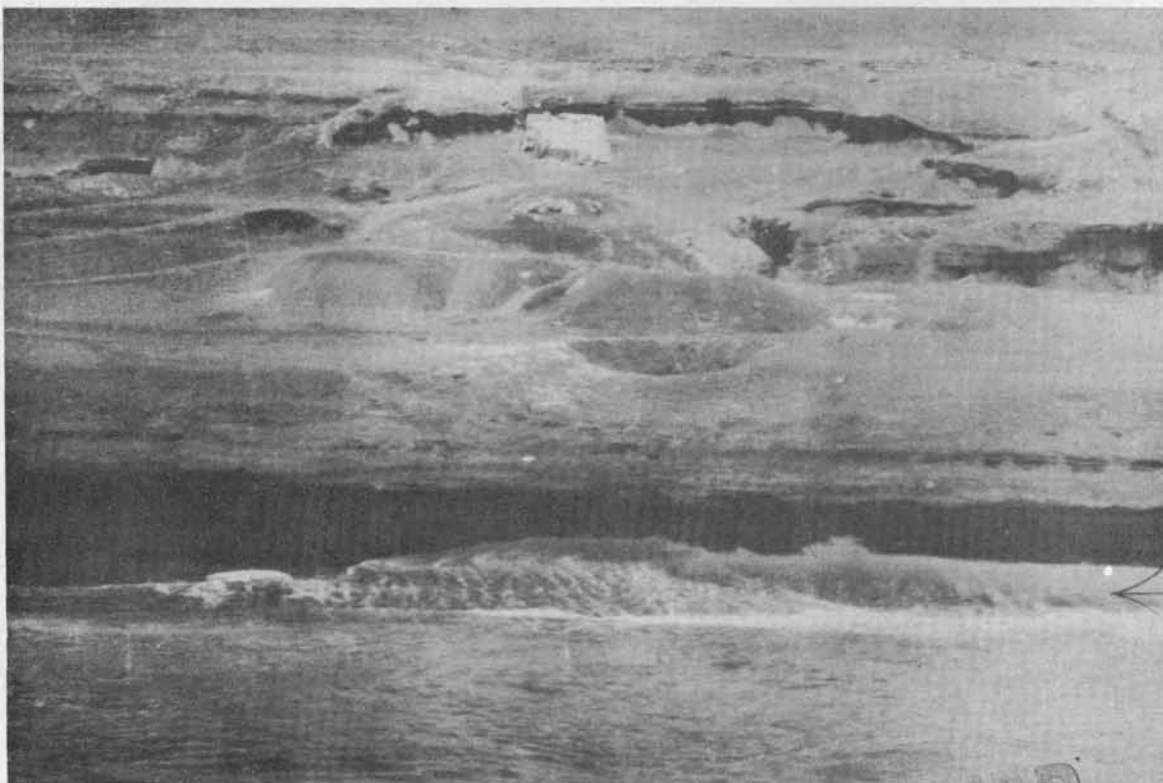


SURIBACHI MOUNTAIN - D PLUS 5  
Note condition of gun positions at base. This -  
four gun battery was destroyed on D -1 by USS  
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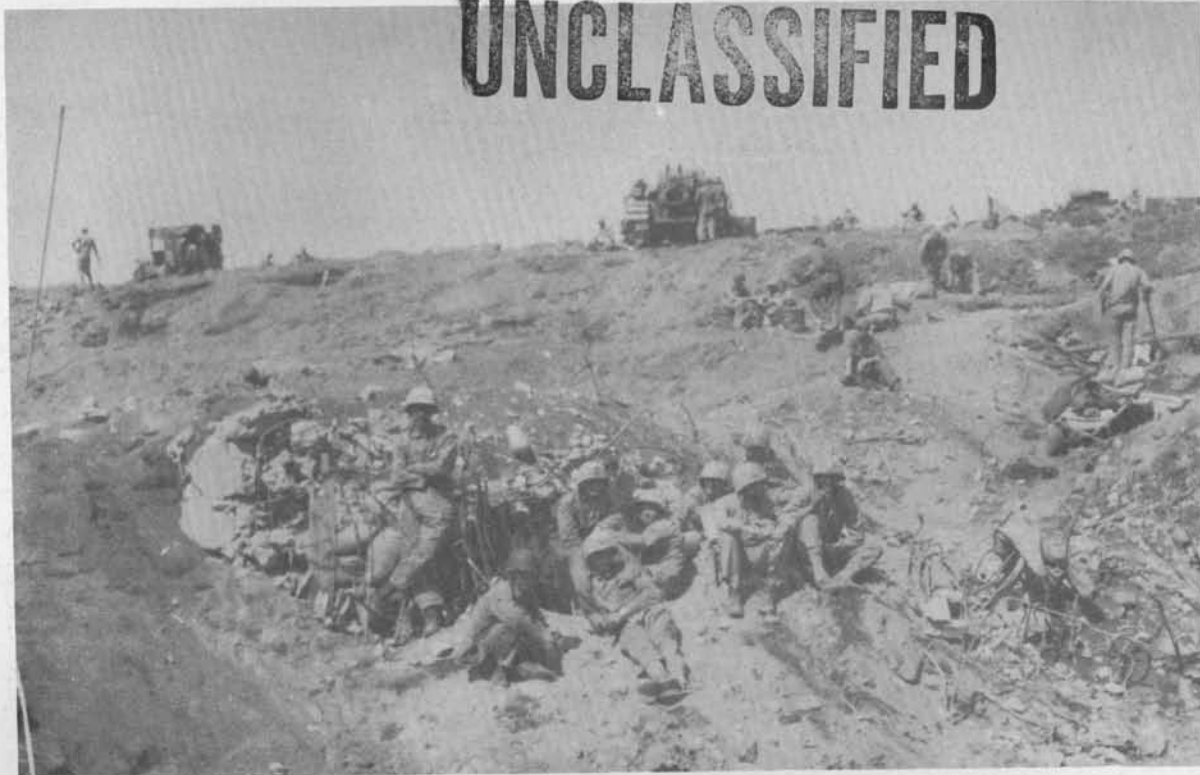
TARGET 135  
Blockhouse on Red beach two under  
construction as of November 27, 1944



TARGET 135  
Blockhouse completed as of January 3, 1945

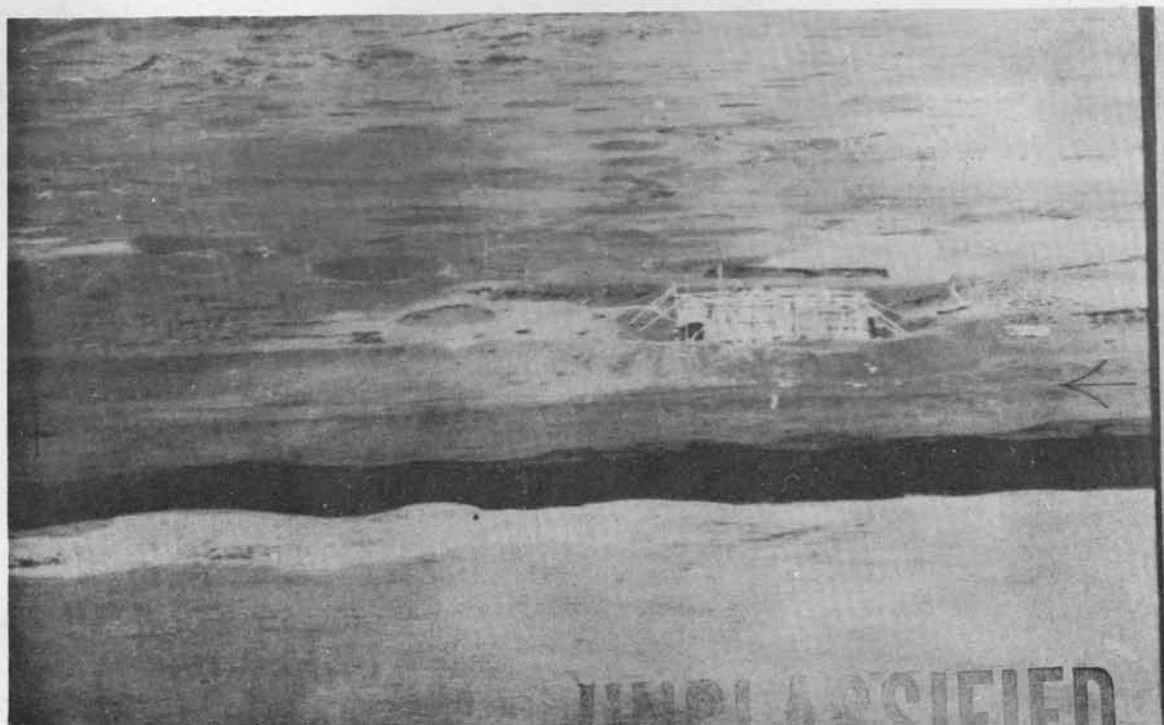


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TARGET 135

This blockhouse was completely destroyed by naval gunfire



TYPICAL BEACH BLOCKHOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
Openings on either side housed 20 to 40 mm. guns.

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TARGET 119 A  
Northeast firing port of blockhouse-Red beach Two

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TARGET 119A  
CLOSEUP OF NORTHEAST FIRING PORT  
Gun was probably 20 or 40 mm.

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TARGET 114A

WRECKED BLOCKHOUSE RED BEACH 2

Large quantities of reinforcing bars were used  
in all concrete emplacements.

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**TARGET 114A**

Firing port of blockhouse--Red beach Two  
NEVADA, NEW YORK, TEXAS, ARKANSAS and TUSCALOOSA  
destroyed or damaged many similar instalations.

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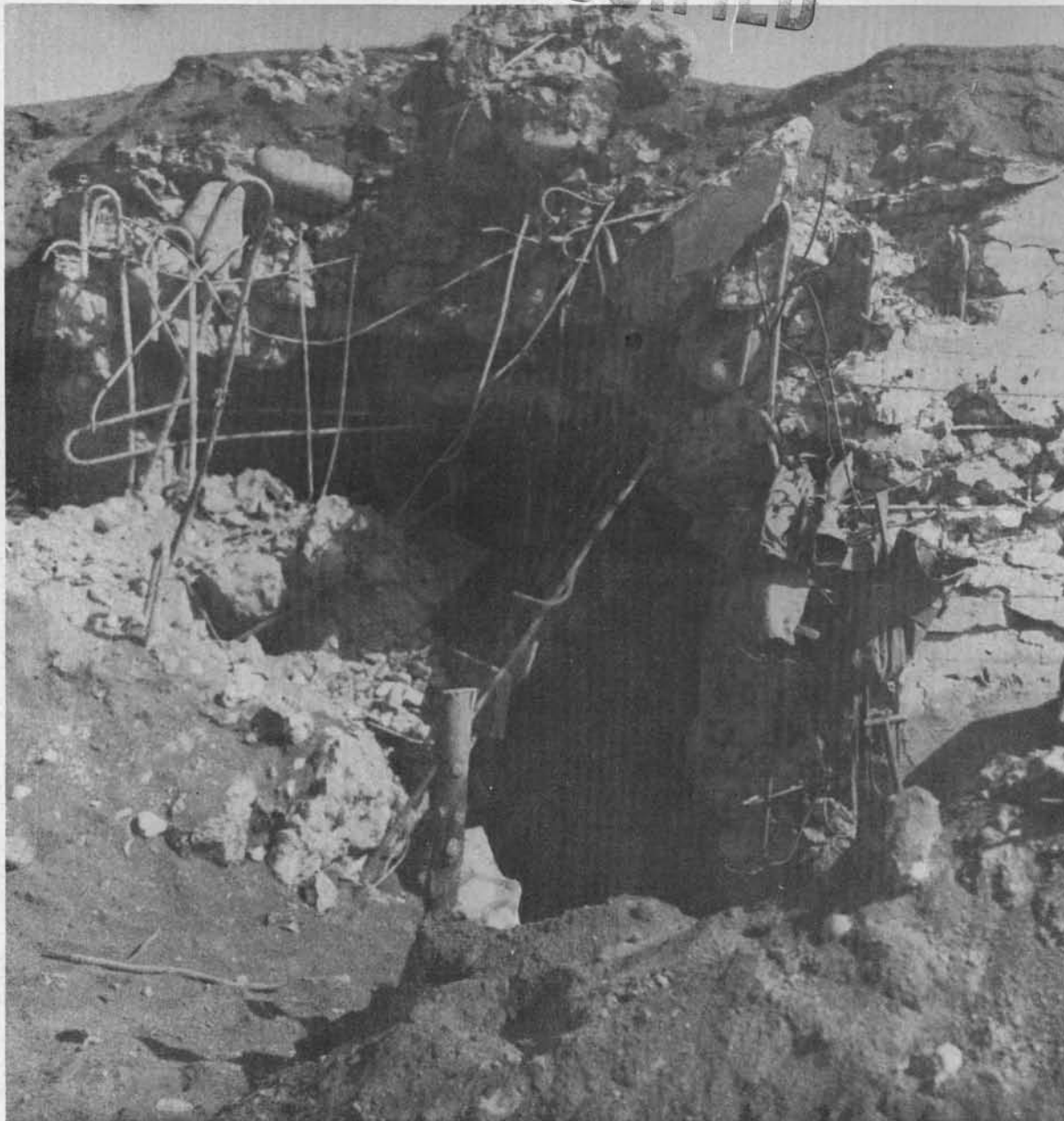
TARGET 114  
Damaged blockhouse YELLOW Beach ONE

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WRECKED BLOCKHOUSE - RED BEACH ONE  
Concrete slabs used in blockhouse construction  
were 24 to 48 inches thick.

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TARGET 144  
BLOCKHOUSE RED BEACH ONE  
Direct hit - probably by 14 inch shell

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INTERIOR VIEW LOOKING THROUGH FIRING PORT

Now used by marines as communication center

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TARGET 119A

REAR ENTRANCE TO BLOCKHOUSE - RED 2

This blockhouse was in two separate parts with a tunnel connecting. Oil drums were used for spare ammunition and water.

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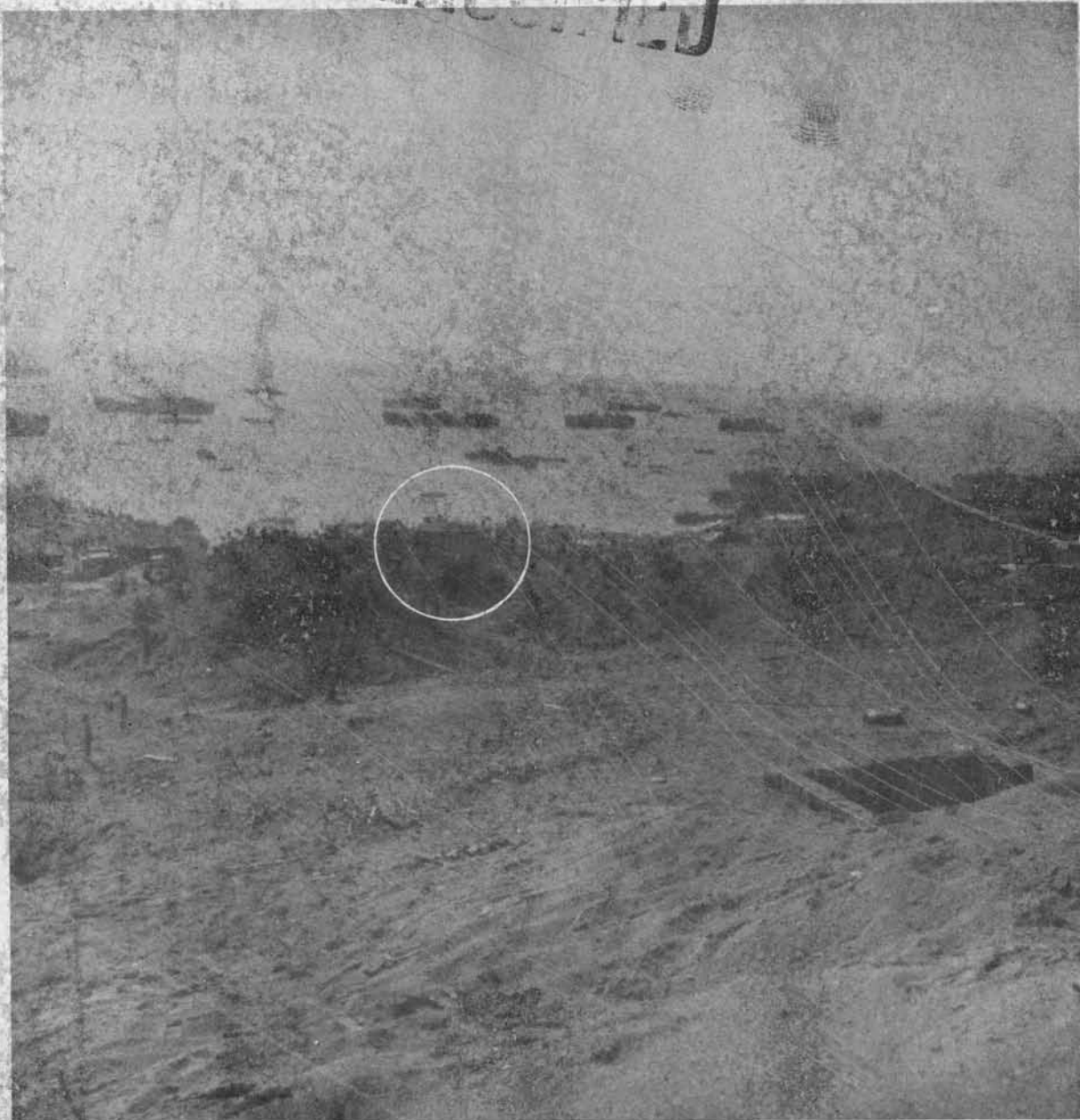
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TYPICAL WEAPON (20 mm) USED IN BEACH BLOCKHOUSES

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REAR OF COVERED ARTILLERY POSITION - RED 2  
Top part is entrance and observation post.

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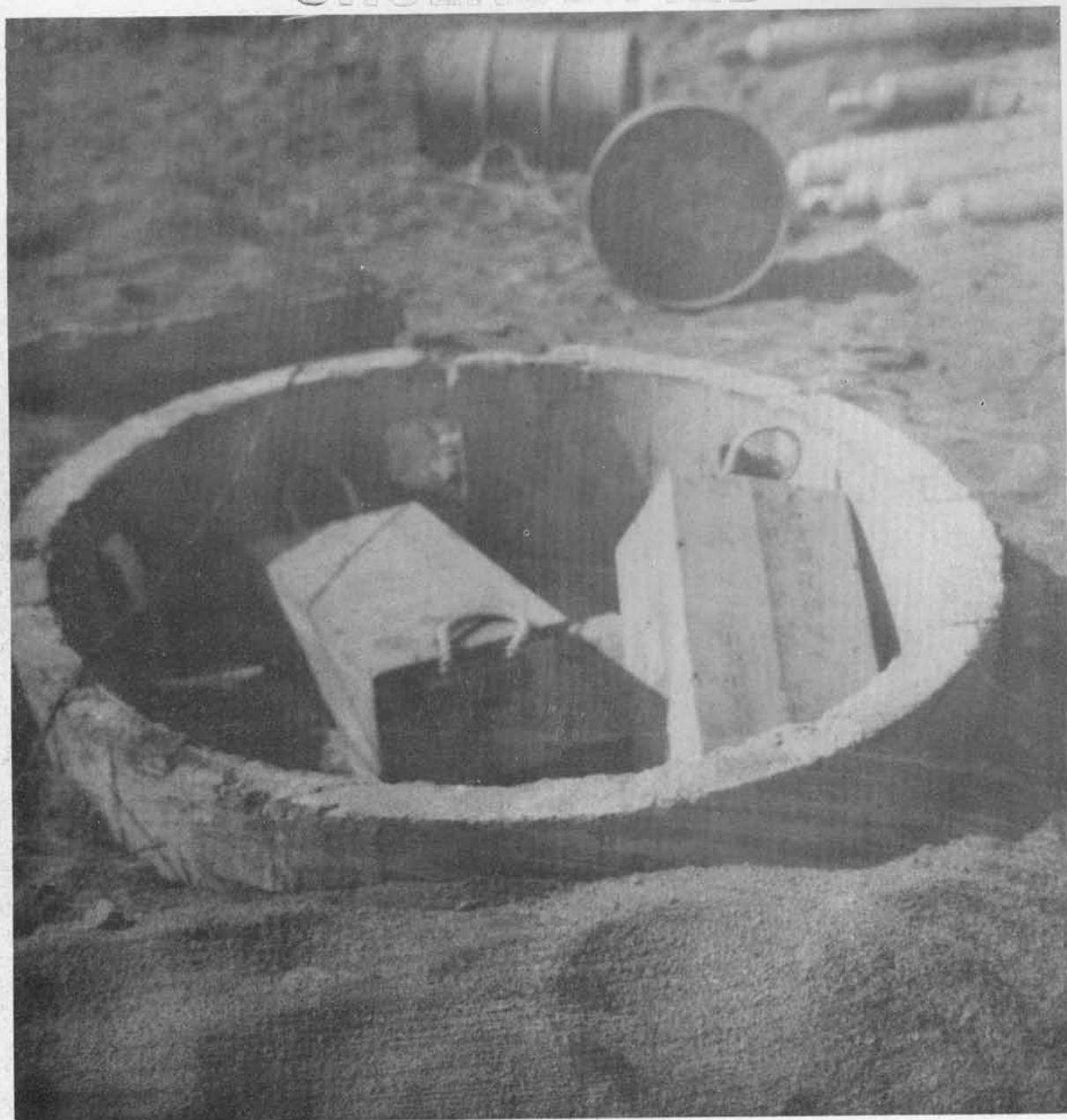
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TARGET 117A  
Covered artillery position from front  
overlooking RED Beach 1

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AMMUNITION STORAGE AND POSSIBLY, WHEN EMPTY,  
ONE MAN PILLBOX

Note openings near the top and cover at rear,  
in background. Rear of RED Beach 2.

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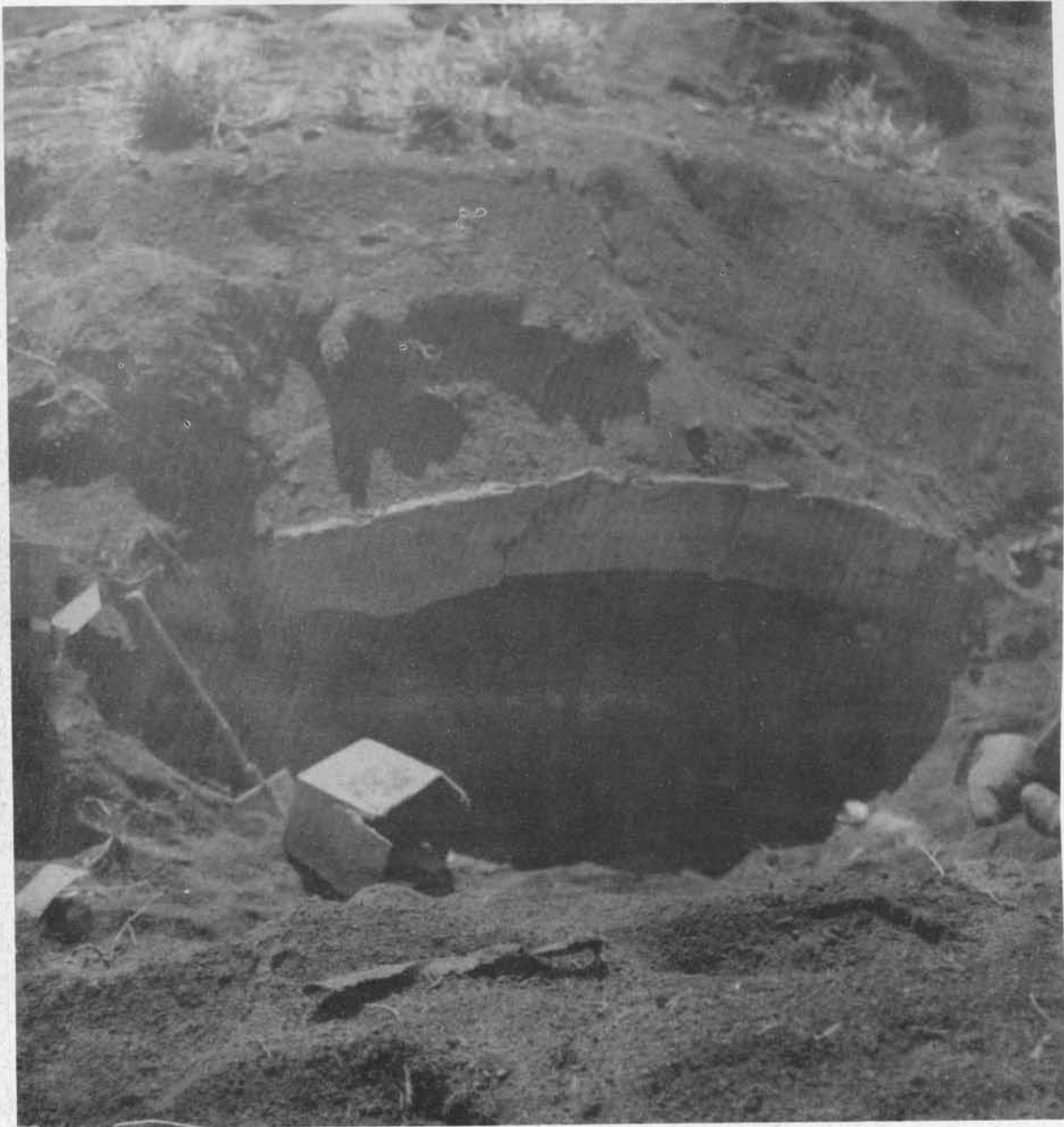
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TWIN MOUNT AUTOMATIC AA - VICINITY AIRFIELD NO 1  
(Personnel shelter is underneath revetment)

A heavy AA concentration existed on Iwo. Air strikes were very effective in destroying or damaging a large number of these and heavier guns.

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PERSONNEL SHELTER  
(Many of these were near airfields)

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ENTRANCE TO DAMAGED PILLBOX BETWEEN BEACHES RED ONE AND TWO  
Construction was of logs and concrete covered with sand.

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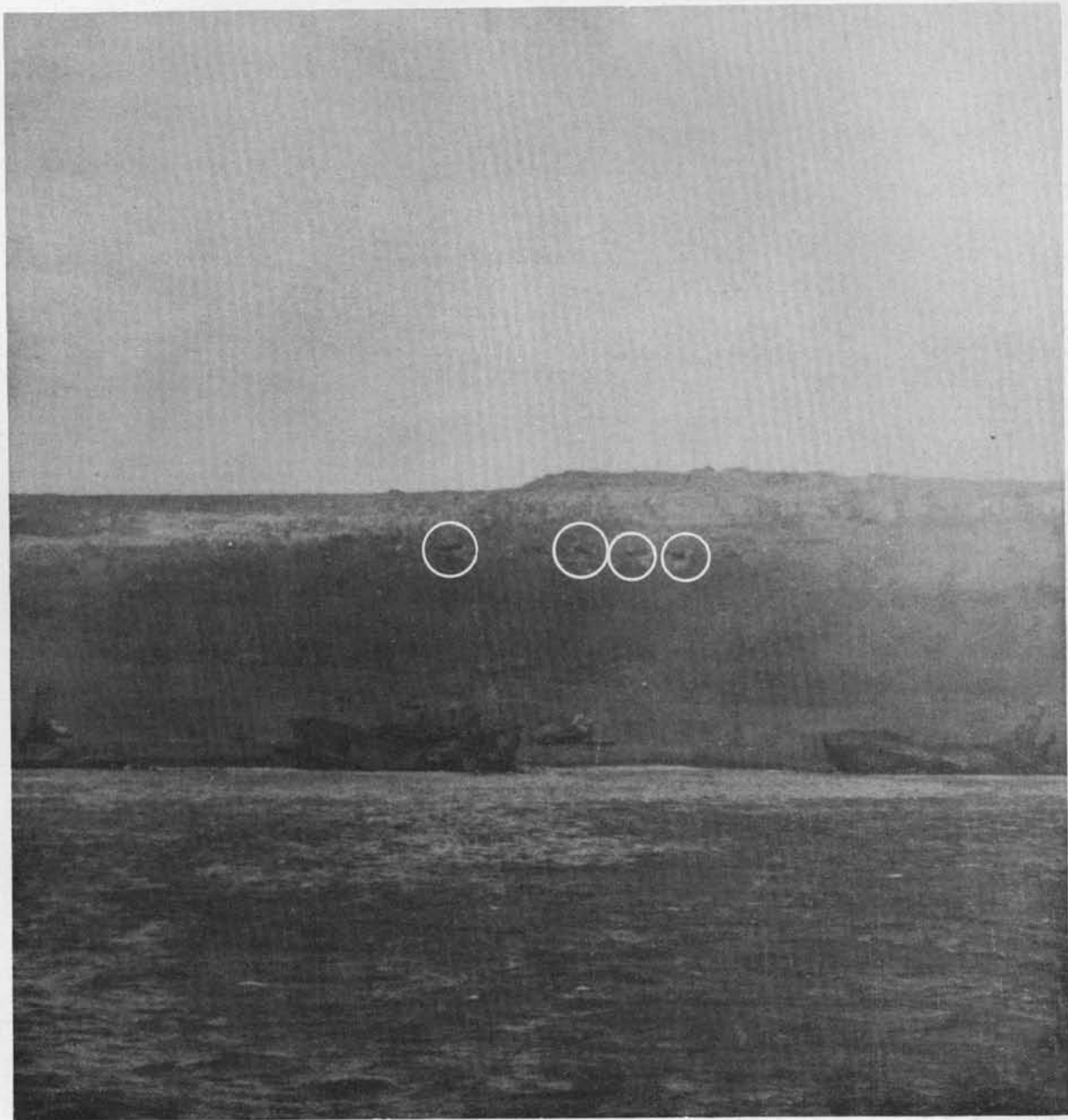


BATTERY OF FOUR CASEMATED GUNS IN CLIFF AREA  
(Photo--February 3, 1945)

These guns were set back from cliff and did not become visible from seaward until a portion of the cliff was shot away.

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BATTERY OF FOUR CASEMATED GUNS IN CLIFF AREA  
(Photo--D plus two)

This battery, three guns of which had not been definitely located due to almost perfect camouflage, was destroyed by USS IDAHO on D minus one. These particular guns (probably 6") inflicted substantial damage to LCI (G)'s on D minus two.

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